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To whom it may concern:

With the bid to purchase \$63M worth of SGI's intellectual property, Microsoft will soon be in the position to force graphics card vendors to drop support for OpenGL. Currently, OpenGL is the only graphics API truly competing against Microsoft's DirectX. If Microsoft is allowed to effectively crush OpenGL, then Microsoft's monopoly will be extended yet again. As a voting constituent, I urge you to block/disallow the proposed purchase by Microsoft of SGI's APIs.

Concerned,
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